

Weekly Status & Information Report
November 26 - 30, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of December 3, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, December 3, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium (closed session vote at 6 p.m.)
- Board of Elections meeting, Thursday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

2. Holiday Happenings at the Takoma Park Community Center (December 1 – 9):

<https://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events>

- Saturday, December 1 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. - DC Labor Chorus's Holiday Concert of favorite and sacred songs - Donations Welcome
- Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Annual Holiday Art Sale featuring the work of over 35 local artists and crafters - Free
- Saturday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. - Takoma Djangology celebration of Django Reinhardt's music with Swing 39, Bitter Dose Combo, Franglais, Titi Bamberger and Juan Arenales - Suggested Donation \$20
- Sunday, December 9 at 4 p.m. - Festival of Russina Dance presented by the Akhmedova Ballet Youth Company – Free (Housing & Community Development)

3. Computer Center: Join us tomorrow – Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon – for a special workshop in the Library's Computer Center. Learn how to make holiday greeting cards in this free computer graphics class, with Alice Sims and Phil Shapiro. Sponsored by The Takoma Park Library and Art for the People. All ages 8 and above who have a Takoma Park Library card are welcome! (Library)

4. Holiday Book Sale: On Sunday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Library will hold a special holiday book sale at Historic Takoma, 7328 Carroll Ave. The sale will feature brand new children's picture books and books for older children and young adults – all at bargain prices! The sale is a collaborative effort between Historic Takoma and the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. All proceeds are used to fund Library programs and services. Come early! The Friends reserve the right to limit purchases by individuals so that there will be enough for all. This is a neighborhood sale, and book dealers are not invited. (Library)

5. Discover Long Branch, December 3: Monday, December 3, is the first Discover Long Branch event, held at El Golfo Restaurant (8739 Flower Avenue) from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The event is organized by the Long Branch Business League, which includes some Takoma Park businesses from the Long Branch area at Flower Avenue and Piney Branch Road. To learn more, visit www.longbranchbusinessleague.com/. (Housing and Community Development)

6. Bedtime Story Hour: Bedtime Story Hour returns to the Library on Monday, December 3, at 7 p.m. Come in pjs, and bring your favorite stuffed toy! Perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups. (Library)

7. Comics Jam: The popular "Comics Jam" with Dave Burbank returns to the Library on Tuesday, December 4 at 4 p.m. Join Dave in this informal gathering as he reads comics on the big screen. (Library)

8. Train Dreams: On Tuesday, December 4, the Friends Reading Group discusses the haunting novella "Train Dreams" by National Book Award winner Denis Johnson. Join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Hydrangea Room. All are welcome! (Library)

9. Creative Art for Seniors: Seniors are welcome to participate in the last Creative Arts Workshop this year. The free class takes place on Monday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m. in the Art Room of the Takoma Park Community Center. Expand your art skills or learn new techniques with instructor Alice Sims. Be creative in a relaxed atmosphere and have fun! For more information and to register, contact Paula Lisowski, Takoma Park Recreation Department, at 301-891-7280 or PaulaL@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

10. Winter Break Camp - Register Today!: Parents have you decided on what to do with your little bundles of joy during the winter vacation? Not yet, well the Takoma Park Recreation Department is inviting you to "Winter Wonderland." This 3-day winter break camp will allow you to add some excitement to your child's holiday. Participants will enjoy games, crafts and Holiday fun at the Community Center. Children should bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Open to ages 5 - 11 yrs. and runs from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (December 26-28). Before & Aftercare is also available. Only \$85 for Takoma Park residents...sign up today! For additional information, please contact the Recreation Department at (301)891-7290. (Recreation)

11. Fitness Expo 2013 Is Right Around The Corner: On Saturday, January 5, Takoma Park Recreation Center will be host to a Fitness Expo (8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). Twenty minute demonstrations, interactive presentations, health screenings and seminars, and much more. Mark your calendar! For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

12. Community Center Class Demo Day - January 12: On Saturday, January 12, 2013 the Recreation Department will be hosting a day of FREE class demonstrations. This will be your opportunity to come out and see some awesome recreation programs in

action. You will be able to meet some of the instructors and even register for your favorite class or program. The event will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Ave.) from 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There will be a variety of programs on hand such as dance, drama, art, fitness, nature, multi-media and martial arts, to name a few. All ages are welcome as there will be something for everyone. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

13. City Staff Testifies in Support of Sector Plan: On Tuesday, November 27, City Staff provided testimony to the Montgomery County Council in support of the Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) that would implement the zoning recommendations of the Takoma Langley Crossroads Sector Plan. Melanie Isis from the Crossroads CDA also provided testimony supporting the plan. The Sector Plan was approved by County Council last April and a working session is scheduled for Monday, December 3rd, to discuss the SMA. (Housing and Community Development)

14. Safe Routes to School: Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Coordinator conducted four Bike Rodeos at Rolling Terrace Elementary School this week. More Bike Rodeos are scheduled for local schools in the month of December. The bike helmet bulk order was completed with 192 helmets being delivered to families at all five SRTS schools and to City staff. (Housing and Community Development)

15. Afternoon Addition - Pretzel Making Is Fun!: Last week, participants in the Afternoon Addition program had a wonderful time learning how to make pretzels. They were able to prepare the dough and roll it to form its shape. In addition, we gave them the secret recipes to take home, just in case they wanted to add to their Thanksgiving Harvest. (Recreation)

16. Senior Services Meeting: Seniors enjoyed a friendly and informative breakfast meeting on Thursday, November 29 in the Azalea Room of the Takoma Park Community Center. Wolfgang Mergner hosted the meeting which included several guest speakers. Deborah Zuckerman, Special Investigator, State's Attorney's Office for Montgomery County, spoke about "elder financial abuse;" the fact that Maryland law makes it a crime to financially exploit "vulnerable adults;" and tips on how to avoid being a victim of financial exploitation. Harriett Shapiro, Jewish Council for the Aging, discussed the Connect-A-Ride program, which provides help with public, private and volunteer transportation referrals for adults 50 and older in Montgomery County. Lieutenant Tyrone Collington, Takoma Park Police Department, informed seniors of the C.A.R.E. Program. It is the policy of the Takoma Park Police Department to "offer city residents, who may live alone and /or have special needs, a voluntary daily check on their security and welfare status." More information about these programs will be highlighted in the January 2013 issue of the Silver Foxes Seniors Newsletter. (Recreation)

17. Officers in Training:

- On November 18, Cpl. Black and Pfc. Quante attended training entitled "Edge Weapons" in Baltimore.
- On November 19, Lt. Bowers, Cpl. Black and Pvt. Ala attended training entitled "Law Enforcement Optimal Performance Under Stress (LAWOPS)" at the Alexandria Police Department in Alexandria, Virginia.
- On November 26-27, Cpl. Poole and Pfc. Godlewski attended training entitled "Homemade Explosives" in Sykesville.
- On November 26-December 7, Pfc. Gaines-Brown is in training entitled "Fundamentals of Criminal Investigations" in Sykesville.
- On November 27, Sgt. Holmes and Pvt. Ala attended training entitled "Reid Interview and Interrogation" in Washington, D.C.
- On November 27, various sworn personnel attended 2012 in-service Taser Training in Takoma Park. (Police)

18. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (November 16-29, 2012) may be viewed online at http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/11/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_29.html. (Police)

19. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 229 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, seven vehicle impounds, one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic and two warrant service arrests from traffic.

During November 16-26, 2012, the following details were completed:

November 16, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & East West Highway (red light enforcement) – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citations and five warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and one warning.
- Merwood Drive & Wildwood Drive (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued five State citations.

November 17, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & East West Highway (red light enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citations and five warnings.

November 19, 2012

- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and two warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations

and two warnings.

- Hilltop Road & Geneva Avenue (do not enter sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations and two warnings.

November 20, 2012

- Willow Avenue & Tulip Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.
- Hilltop Road & Geneva Avenue (do not enter sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and six warnings.
- Hilltop Road & Geneva Avenue (do not enter sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and two warnings.

November 21, 2012

- Hilltop Road & Geneva Avenue (do not enter sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and three warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Maple Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

November 26, 2012

- 7500 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 2-hour detail and issued two speeding citations, one State citation and one warning.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations and three warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.
- Hilltop Road & Geneva Avenue (do not enter sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and three warnings. (Police)

20. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week of November 19-29

State citations: 37

City citations: 1

Calls for service: 18

Reports: 4

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 4

Warnings issued: 28

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 4

(Police)